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SUBJECT: SOVIET VIEWS ON IAEA MEETING ON PNE

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1. DURING MY MEETING WITH IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND JULY 6, I INQUIRED REGARDING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION AND WHETHER HE HAD OBTAINED ANY INSIGHTS INTO SOVIET THINKING REGARDING PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNE).

2. DR. EKLUND REPLIED THAT MOROKHOV WAS STILL AN ADVOCATE FOR PNE HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS WERE ANXIOUS THAT THE IAEA AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP ON NUCLEAR
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EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO PRODUCE A REPORT IN 1977 FOR SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND GENERAL CONFERENCE PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. RATHER THE SOVIETS WISHED THE AD HOC GFOUP TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SUBMITTING A REPORT TO THE GERNAL ASSEMBLY IN 1978.

3. I ASKED DR. EKLUND IF HE HAD ANY EXPLANATION FOR THIS SOVIET POSITION, AND HE SAID HE DID NOT. NEVERTHELESS, THIS VIEW HAD BEEN CONVEYED IN A TYPICALLY SOVIET FORTHRIGHT MANNER, SINCE ISSAEV HAD RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH HIM AGAIN AT MOSCOW AIRPORT JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE.

4. NOTE THAT BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN JUNE 17 SESSION CONSIDERED GOV/1841 AND DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION SUGGESTED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL; NAMELY, THAT BOARD EXTEND MANDATE OF AD HOC GROUP QUOTE TO ENABLE IT TO SUBMIT ITS FINAL REPORT TO THE BOARD IN SEPTEMBER 1977 UNQUOTE. GOV/1841 STATES THAT AD HOC GROUP IS EXPECTED ENDORSE DRAFT REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO SEPTEMBER 1977 BOARD, IN FORM SUCH THAT IT COULD, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BE ISSUED AS ADDENDUM TO IAEA ANNUAL REPORT TO 21ST SESSION (1977) UNGA, SHOULD BOARD SO DECIDE.

5. IN DISCUSSION OF GOV/1841 EROFEEV (USSR) EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ACTION SUGGESTED CONCERNING EXTENSION OF MANDATE, SAYING (AS NOTED IN PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD) HIS GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF NPT ARTICLE V AND WAS READY TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THAT ARTICLE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT FINAL (SIC) REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO BOARD THIS SEPTEMBER SHOULD, IN OPINION HIS DEL., CONTAIN CLEAR STATEMENT OF STATUS RE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY AND ECONOMICS OF NEPP'S AND A RECOMMENDTION CONCERNING FORMULATION, WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF IAEA, OF INTERNATIONAL RADIATION AND SEISMIC SAFETY STANDARDS FOR NEPPT'S.

6. MOROKHOV'S REPORTED POSITION THUS REPRESENTS REVERSAL OF USSR POSITION TAKEN ONLY FEW WEEKS EARLIER AT BOARD AND IN FACE OF BOARD DECISION. ONLY WAY IN WHICH INTENT OF BOARD DECISION CAN BE FRUSTRATED BY USSR IS TO ATTEMPT BLOCK ENDORSEMENT OF REPORT BY AD HOC GROUP AT AUGUST 8 MEETING. IF REPORT NEVERTHELESS IS SUBMITTED TO SEPTEMBER BOARD, USSR COULD ATTEMPT BLOCK DECISION BY BOARD TO FORWARD REPORT, OR PART OF IT, TO UNGA.

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO FROM EMBASSY MOSCOW OR DEPARTMENT RE ANY INDICATION USSR MAY HAVE GIVEN OF REVERSAL OF ITS PREVIOUS POSITION ON COMPLETION OF AD HOC GROUP'S RDPORT, AS WELL AS ANY POSSIBLE

EXPLANATION FOR SUCH REVERSAL. STONE

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